

## Message Text

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FROM AMBASSADOR SELDEN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEAN, NZ  
SUBJECT: U.S.-ASEAN OVERVIEW MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 203004, STATE 202046

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED ON PRIME  
MINISTER MULDOON TO BRIEF HIM ON THE RECENT U.S.-ASEAN  
MINISTERIAL IN WASHINGTON. DRAWING ON REFTELS, I  
EMPHASIZED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THIS  
MEETING AS AN INDICATION OF A POSITIVE POST-VIETNAM  
POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I ALSO UNDERSCORED HOW  
PLEASED WE WERE TO SEE COHESION EVOLVING AMONG THE ASEAN  
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STATES THEMSELVES AT A TIME WHEN THE RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST NATIONS OF THE REGION APPEAR TO  
BE DETERIORATING. I ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE  
ASEAN NATIONS FOUND THE MEETING OF GREAT VALUE, NOT ONLY  
AS A GENERAL INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WHICH WE ATTACH  
TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE  
SPECIFIC POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARIES VANCE

AND BLUMENTHAL ON OUR WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE AGREEMENT  
ON A COMMON FUND. (FYI:AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE  
GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND HAS GENERALLY TAKEN A MIDDLE-  
OF-THE-ROAD POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND WITHIN GROUP B.)

2. THE PRIME MINISTER THANKED ME SINCERELY FOR THE  
BRIEFING ON THIS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. I ALSO  
BELIEVE THAT THE BRIEFING WAS USEFUL NOT ONLY TO ADVISE  
THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE MEETING ITSELF BUT AS A  
DEMONSTRATION OF THE CLOSE CONSULTATIVE RELATION  
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT IS VALUED SO HIGHLY  
HERE. SELDEN

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